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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U.S. PATENT(S) :

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| 5,403,318         | Boehringer et al. | Apr 04, 1995         |

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT(S) :

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| Germany<br>EPO | 101 00 630<br>695 607 | Jun 20, 2002<br>Feb 07, 1996 |

The references listed above were cited by the German Examiner in Applicant's counterpart German patent application 102 31 393.8 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

English language abstracts are attached to DE 101 00 630 and EP 695 607.

OTHER U.S. PATENT(S) :

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| 4,584,999         | Arnegger        | Apr 29, 1986         |
| 5,306,285         | Miller et al.   | Apr 26, 1994         |

OTHER FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT(S) :

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| Germany        | 32 22 339  | Jan 27, 1983               |

DE 32 22 339 and U.S. Patent 5,306,283 are mentioned in the present application.

DE 32 22 339 has an English language counterpart, namely U.S. Patent 4,584,999 submitted herewith.

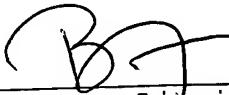
Copies of the above-listed references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

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|                             | AA | 5,403,318              | 04/04/1995  | Boehringer et al. |              |                       |                        |
|                             | AB | 4,584,999              | 04/29/1986  | Arnegger          |              |                       |                        |
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